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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

Upcoming Felony Trials

July 10 – People vs. Leroy Burrows

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, also of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

July 11 – People vs. Damien Spears

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

July 17 – People vs. Jesus Vega, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino and Assistant District Attorney Emily Chisholm, both of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

July 17 – People vs. Joshua Vanwuyckhuysse

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

The defendant is charged with three counts of Aggravated Family Offense in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:
22

Monroe County Total: 26

July 17 – People vs. Brandon Hughes-Caswell

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Assault in the 1st Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

July 17 – People vs. James Cooper

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Diana Ferretti, of the General Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

July 17 – People vs. Felix Rivera, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with three counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn.

July 17 – People vs. Wayne Simmons

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

July 17 – People vs. Johnnie Williams

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Menacing in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

July 18 – People vs. Gianni Vazquez

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano.

July 18 – People vs. Anthony Burnett and Tirek White

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tony DiPerna, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendants are charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

July 24 – People vs. Timothy Brown

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree, three counts of Menacing in the 2nd Degree, two counts Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Resisting Arrest in front of Monroe County Court Judge Morrison.

July 24 – People vs. Brian Williams

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristina Hinkley, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

July 24 – People vs. Isaac Hubbert

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree and four counts of Aggravated Family Offense in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

July 24 – People vs. Jeremiah Brown

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

July 25 – People vs. Syncere Higgins and Jemel Madden

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendants are charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

July 31 – People vs. Whitney Morris

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Randall.

July 31 – People vs. Lajason Lovett

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ralph Alloco, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

July 31 – People vs. Diego Johnson

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Miller.

August 1 – People vs. Aamase Bell

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

August 7 – People vs. Brandon Pritchett

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jessica Wagner, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

The defendant is charged with six counts of Criminal Contempt in the 1st Degree, Aggravated Harassment in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, Criminal Contempt in the 2nd Degree, and two counts of Aggravated Family Offense in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Walsh.

August 7 – People vs. Chauncy Crews

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Constance Patterson, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with Rape in the 1st Degree, Criminal Sex Act in the 1st Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

A Monroe County Jury convicted 24-year-old **Trevor Smith III** of Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the murder of Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. On April 9, 2022, Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. was driven to the corner of St. Paul Street and Clifford Avenue, where Rochester Police Officers found him with a gunshot wound. The victim was immediately transported to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries. After a swift and thorough investigation, it was determined that Jeremy Hamilton, Jr. was shot on Avenue A in the middle of the day. The Rochester Police Department identified Trevor Smith III as responsible for Jeremy Hamilton's homicide. Following the murder, Trevor Smith fled to the State of Texas. On June 21, 2022, members of the Rochester Police Department and the United States Marshals Violent Felony Fugitive Task Force traveled to Harris County, Texas, where they located Trevor Smith and arrested him. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity & Economic Crimes Bureau.

Shaquan McMillian pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree for the possession of cocaine with intent to sell. He will be sentenced to two years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 1 and a half years of post-release supervision. He will be sentenced on September 7, 2023 as a second felony drug offender in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Mardell Hall pled guilty to Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree for an attempted robbery of an individual on October 18, 2022. He will be sentenced to 8 and a half years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. He will be sentenced on August 8, 2023, in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Sinclair. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Burak Serbetci, of the Major Felony Bureau.

A Monroe County Grand Jury indictment was unsealed in Monroe County Youth Part, charging 17-year-old **Shannon Praylor, Jr.** with Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to the overdose death of 19-year-old Paige Gibbons and the overdose of another teenager between November 19, 2022, and November 20, 2022. Following the unsealing of the indictment, Shannon Praylor, Jr. was arraigned in front of Monroe County Court Judge Hahn. Shannon Praylor is currently being held on \$25,000 cash, \$50,000 bond, or \$150,000 partially secured bond. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

Michael Rivera was indicted on Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the 1st Degree, two counts of Menacing in the 2nd Degree and Assault in the 3rd Degree in relation to domestic incidents on June 17, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jonathan Francisco, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Kyle Mattle was indicted on Robbery in the 2nd Degree for forcibly stealing property on November 25, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Marcello Cancio was indicted on Burglary in the 1st Degree, two counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree, and Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to a burglary on June 1, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Megan Hausner, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Lee White was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree in relation to the assault of a Webster Police Officer on June 18, 2023. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Miles Payne was indicted on Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ryan Lamon, of the Public Integrity and Economic Crimes Bureau.

Thank You Support Staff!



Pictured above is the Luau theme appreciation luncheon for the support staff and investigators at the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. From the paralegals and secretaries to the digital technicians and many more, these professionals work hard to ensure the office is running smoothly. Thank you for everything you do!

MCDA in the News

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<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-convicted-in-2022-deadly-drug-related-shooting-in-rochester>

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/man-convicted-for-april-2022-avenue-a-murder/>

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<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/06/30/ronald-lagasse-guilty-murder-mary-simzer-rochester-ny/70371884007/>

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